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SUBJECT: MOUNTAIN SCOUTS PROGRAM

1. BACKGROUND

The Mountain Scouts Program originated in the fall of 1961 and was composed of fifteen (15) men teams trained in guerrilla tactics, which encompassed civic action, intelligence and paramilitary activities. The objective was to have teams to work in the twenty-one (21) highland provinces in Central Vietnam with the Province and District Chiefs.

2. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY TO MACV

MACV and CSD agreed that on 1 November 1963, MACV would assume U.S. responsibilities for the support of the Mountain Scouts Program (approximately 4,425 Mountain Scouts in 19 provinces). It was further agreed that this would be accomplished by integration of Mountain Scouts' assets into the CIDG Program.

3. CSD RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSFER

- a. Conduct the necessary briefings for MACV, including documentation and supporting papers concerning the program.
- b. Provide MACV with the roster of personnel engaged in the Mountain Scouts Program and their locations.
- c. Arrange for liaison and briefings with SFECVN, and be prepared to assist and participate in joint discussions with MACV and SFECVN when requested.

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4. MACV ACTION


MACV has negotiated agreements with SFHCVN concerning procedures for the proposed transfer of responsibility. Implementing instructions were issued by MACV to USASFV.

5. IMPLEMENTATION ACTION BY SFHCVN

SFHCVN issued parallel implementing instructions, directing assembly at various locations of Mountain Scouts' assets, payment of back pay and integration into an appropriate CIDG Strike Force or demobilization to include turn-in of weapons and equipment.

Lt. Colonel H. S. Napier
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